

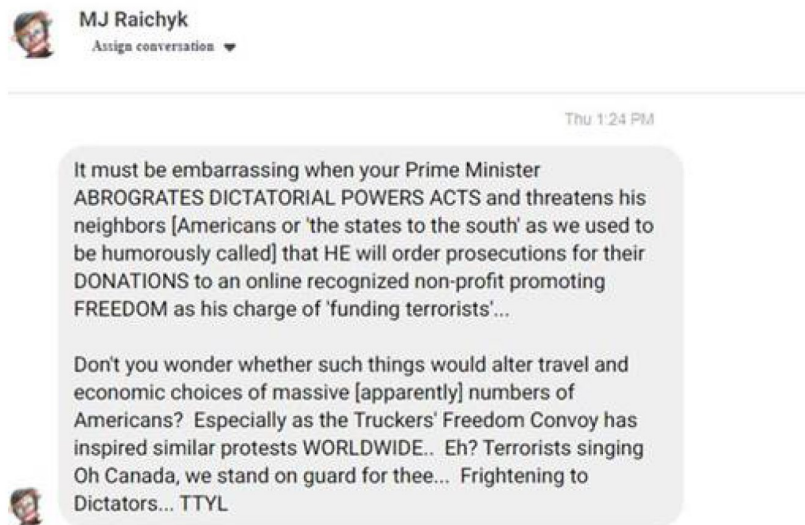
DTROT-068 Weekly Advocacy Report: February 21-25, 2022

Security and Border

Border Blockade

On **February 22**, a very small group of five demonstrators aligned with the “Freedom Convoy” protests, held a short protest action just outside the downtown Detroit location of DTROT mission. The small protest began at approximately 2:30 p.m. and ended by 4:00 p.m. Protesters voiced their demands for an end to COVID-19 mandates. Despite messaging on social media aimed at attracting traditional media and political attention there has been no discernable amplification of the event. There was no impact on DTROT chancery and no interaction between protesters and Consulate staff. No other similar protests, aimed at targeting Canada, are known to have taken place elsewhere in DTROT territory. DTROT will continue to monitor for similar demonstrations throughout our territory and report/update as required.

After receiving five voicemails last week expressing disagreement with Canada’s mandates for COVID-19 and/or approach to addressing demonstrations DTROT has not received any further voicemails this week. One email (scam suspected) claiming to sell antigen tests with a portion proceeds going to demonstrators and one negative social media post (included below) were received this week.



Michigan Advance, a politics and policy news outlet based in Lansing, MI, ran an [commentary on the Canadian protests](#) critical of tactics used by demonstrators and conservative media outlets for coverage that amplifies misinformation and distorts the underlying reality of public opinion.

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